

Minutes for the Arlington Bicycle Committee Meeting of March 3, 2008

Board members present were Stephan Miller, Ron Sender, Christopher Tonkin, Ted Packard, Jeff Roth, and Scott Smith. Chad Gibson and Joey Glushko were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

*The minutes from the February meeting were adopted with two changes.

Update on ABAC appointments. Jeff told us that his appointment went smoothly and there was much praise from the Selectmen for the plowing of the bikeway, which he advocated.

Suggestion to contact state rep candidates regarding their position on the Bicycle Safety Bill. We decided to invite the new State Rep to the Winter Social and an upcoming ABAC meeting.

Update on ABAC request from Chelmsford's startup bike/pedestrian committee related to the new Bruce Freeman Rail-Trail.
<http://www.brucefreemenrailtrail.org>. We tabled this item until the next meeting.

Update on pilot plowing project on Minutemen Bikeway. Jeff told us that the money for the pilot project has run out but it has been decided that the plowing, if needed, will continue for the rest of the season. Joey told us that the Selectmen are happy with the plowing. There is increasing interest in Lexington to follow suit. Scott told us that TAC is also in favor of bikeway plowing in Arlington.

Update on Minuteman Bikeway banners in Arlington Center. Joey informed us that she has received two additional quotes at \$1500 and \$2500. We reviewed the scope of the new banners for Chad's benefit. We have enough money to pay for these banners.

Update on planning for the ABAC Winter Social. Linda Gutman and Bobby Mac will provide refreshments. Stephan suggested that we will need additional food and drink. Ron asked if there would be any role for the new State Rep. Joey thought that it would be good for the new rep to hear about local bike issues. Jeff reminded us that he will be giving a 10-minute talk on the plowing of the path this winter.

Update on the City of Boston's new bicycle program. This item was tabled until Jack's return.

Review upcoming events, including future ABAC meeting dates. Scott will be representing ABAC on the Town Snowplowing Committee. He told us that

getting the cars off the roads helped to clear the edges where bikes ride. Stephan asked about the standards for plowing contractors because he has often seen the contractors plowing snow onto the sidewalks.

We discussed other upcoming events for Chad's benefit. He asked why there are no bike lanes on Mass Ave. in Arlington. Scott summarized the last two years of work on the Mass Ave. redesign.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

*Denotes a vote was taken.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller.